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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REPORTED FRENCH VIEWS ON IEP TIME-TABLE AND ECG FOLLOW-ON

REF: A) BONN 11503, B) OECD PARIS, C) EC BRUSSELS 5387

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1. WE AGREE WITH FRG SUGGESTION REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL A THAT US SHOULD REITERATE TO THE EIGHT ITS VIEWS ON ISSUES RAISED BY FRENCH WITH FRG CONCERNING IEP. THEREFORE, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE EC COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 23.

2. TIMING OF ECG AGREEMENT ON IEP: WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CONSENSUS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED IN ECG THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS TO HAVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM IN PLACE ON AT LEAST AN INTERIM BASIS BY MID-FALL. IT IS CRITICAL, IF WE ARE TO MEET THIS GOAL, THAT WE MAINTAIN PRESENT MOMENTUM IN ECG'S DRIVE FOR AGREEMENT ON IEP. AT THE JULY 29-30 ECG MEETING, WE SEEK TO FILL IN THE REMAINING BLANKS IN THE IEP PAPER NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IN THE ECG. ECG DELEGATIONS CAN RETURN WITH THIS COMPLETED DRAFT TO THEIR CAPITALS FOR FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW DURING

AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO COME TO SEPTEMBER ECG MEETING PREPARED TO MAKE FORMAL AGREEMENT ON IEP, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING THAT FOR SOME COUNTRIES VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL.

3. FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM: WE DISAGREE WITH APPARENT FRENCH SUGGESTIONS THAT IEP AND OTHER ECG FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE LODGED WITHIN EXISTING OECD FRAMEWORK. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THERE IS FIRM CONSENSUS WITHIN ECG THAT THE OECD AS PRESENTLY STRUCTURED HAS NEITHER THE POLITICAL NOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE TYPE OF EMERGENCY PROGRAM WE ARE NOW DEVELOPING. WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT FOR A CONFIDENTIAL

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VARIETY OF REASONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE FRENCH PARTICIPATION, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO TRY TO HOUSE ECG FOLLOW-ON UNDER THE GENERAL AUSPICES OF THE OECD. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE INDICATED ON TENTATIVE BASIS OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A NEW AGENCY UNDER PART II OF THE OECD BUDGET AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY ECG CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON.

4. FRENCH PARTICIPATION: WE CONTINUE TO VIEW POSITIVELY

FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN IEP AND OTHER ECG FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES. GIVEN OUR CURRENT TIMETABLE AND FRENCH ABSENCE FROM ECG, THERE MAY BE NEED FOR PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EITHER DIRECTLY, IF FRENCH SO DESIRE, OR INDIRECTLY VIA OTHER ECG MEMBERS SUCH AS FRG AND BELGIUM. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WANT THIS EFFORT VIS-A-VIS FRANCE TO DELAY ECG EFFORT TO REACH IEP AGREEMENT. INGERSOLL

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